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BRASILIA NOW BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION.

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SUBJECT: HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

1. AUGUST GAMBA, THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR OF MATO GROSSO RESPONSIBLE FOR SOUTHERN MATO GROSSO, HAS A SON, AGED 12, WITH A BONE TUMOR IN THE RIGHT FEMUR AND NEEDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF THIS DISEASE A CONTINUAL ARTERIAL INFUSION APPARATUS OF THE TYPE MANUFACTURED BY THE US CATHETER AND INSTRUMENT CORPORATION OF GLENS FALLS, NEW YORK, AND DESCRIBED AS A WATKINS CHONOMETRIC INFUSION PUMP - MODEL 5-24 WITH ALL ACCESSORIES AND A THREE-DRUG SOLUTION SUPPLY BAG OF 39 CC. CAPACITY ACCORDING TO MEDICAL CERTIFICATE BY DR. DELMAS ROLDAO ROBERT PIRES OF FUNDACAO ANTONIO PRUDENTE INSTITUTO CENTRAL (A CANCER HOSPITAL). AUGUSTO GAMBA HAS BEEN OF VALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE CONSUL GENERAL AND OTHER OFFICIALS AS THE CENTRAL POINT FOR ALL CONTACTS AND ARRANGEMENTS IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF MATO GROSSO WHERE NO CONSULAR OFFICE IS MAINTAINED. MR. GAMBA HAS INFORMED THE CONSUL GENERAL THAT EXTENSIVE DIAGNOSTIC WORK INDICATES THAT THE TUMOR IS NON-MALIGNANT AND IS POSSIBLY CURABLE IF TREATMENT CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF THE ABOVE APPARATUS. NO SUCH APPARATUS IS SAID TO EXIST IN BRAZIL. MR. GAMBA, WHO HAS A RELATIVELY MODEST GOVERNMENT SALARY, HAS ALREADY LIQUIDATED HIS REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS TO PAY FOR THE EXPENSIVE TREATMENT OF HIS SON AT VARIOUS HOSPITAL SINCE

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JUNE. THE EQUIPMENT, WHICH IS SAID TO COST AROUND \$500.00 WOULD BE

A VALUABLE HUMANITARIAN CONTRIBUTION WHICH WOULD RESULT IN MUCH FAVORABLE PUBLICITY FOR THE US IN THE STATE OF MATO GROSSO. I RECOMMEND THAT THE USG UNDERTAKE TO PROVIDE THIS APPARATUS IF THERE IS ANY WAY IN WHICH IT CAN BE FINANCED AS A HUMANITARIAN GESTURE.

2. IN THE EVENT THAT NO USG FINANCING IS AVAILABLE, MR. GAMBA MAY BE ABLE TO ARRANGE FINANCING FOR THE EQUIPMENT. CHAPIN. UNQUOTE. CRIMMINS

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